## **BEFORE**

## THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF SOUTH CAROLINA

DOCKET NO. 2007-230-S - ORDER NO. 2007-550

**AUGUST 9, 2007** 

Application of Carolina Water Service, Inc. for Approval of a Contract with North Royal Tower, LLC to Serve Cornerstone Place of Irmo Subdivision		ORDER APPROVING CONTRACT
Irmo Subdivision.	)	

This matter comes before the Public Service Commission of South Carolina ("Commission") on the Application of Carolina Water Service, Inc. ("CWS" or "Applicant") for approval of a contract with North Royal Tower, LLC ("North Royal" or "Developer") to serve Cornerstone Place of Irmo Subdivision located in Richland County, South Carolina. CWS is a public utility currently authorized to operate water and wastewater systems under the jurisdiction of the Commission in Richland County, as well as certain other counties in the state. The Applicant and Developer have entered into an agreement for wastewater service dated May 18, 2007.

CWS proposes to serve the Cornerstone Place of Irmo Subdivision ("Development"), which will consist of approximately ninety-five (95) single family homes when completed. The Agreement provides, *inter alia*, that the Developer will construct all of the necessary wastewater collection facilities required to serve the Development, interconnect the facilities with the Applicant's existing wastewater systems, acquire all necessary easements and rights-of-way, and convey such facilities and easements to CWS.

According to the Application, the proposed Development is within the Applicant's authorized service area in Richland County, and no other public utility is currently authorized to serve the proposed Development.

Pursuant to the Agreement, the Developer has agreed to pay to the Applicant service connection and plant impact fees for the ninety-five (95) single family homes, and the Applicant has agreed to reserve adequate utility capacity for up to ninety-five (95) wastewater connections located within the property. CWS submits that this provision is warranted and in the public interest as the terms of this contract allow the Applicant to adequately engage in planning for operations.

The South Carolina Office of Regulatory Staff ("ORS"), by letter filed July 30, 2007, advises that the ORS has reviewed this matter and does not oppose the Application.

We therefore approve the Application and the contract between Carolina Water Service, Inc. and North Royal Tower, LLC. The proposed Development to be served is in the service territory of the Applicant, and no other public or utility is currently authorized to serve the proposed development.

This Order shall remain in full force and effect until further Order of the Commission.

BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:

G. O'Neal Hamilton, Chairman

ATTEST:

C. Robert Moseley, Vice Chairman

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